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Staff meeting.

I had a talk with Carl Humelsine, who had just returned from Europe.

Wally Barbour came to see me in connection with a letter George Kennan proposes to send to the New York Times in response to an attack made upon certain statements of George's in his book on foreign policy, which criticism came from Father Walsh of Georgetown University, who thinks Kennan's views on foreign policy are too cynical. I shall probably talk to Kennan when I see him in London about the wisdom of publishing this letter.

Ted Tannenwald called on me to talk over matters of mutual interest to DMS, MSA and State. [redacted].

The Church of Christ affair is gathering momentum in Washington. Dr. Taylor, president of the association of Protestant churches, called me to lodge his protest at the Italian action, and almost every non-Catholic Congressman in Washington has been heard from this morning, [redacted]

Joe Gray came to see me. He is leaving shortly for his post in Italy, where he will do admirably.

Linc Gordon spent an hour with me. We discussed various things he will be undertaking when he assumes his job in London as head of the MSA mission, and Minister for Economic Affairs at the Embassy.

There was a meeting in the Secretary's office on Korea, [redacted] lasted a couple of hours. The question under discussion was what might be done to inject new life into the armistice negotiations. The Mexican offer was reviewed, but no firm conclusion reached as to our future procedure. State and Defense are in disagreement over what steps to take.

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We had dinner tonight with the Eugene Blacks. Cess Parker and Gene's son were there. I had a [redacted] talk with Gene after dinner about Iran, Brazil, Chile, and other countries where the Bank has serious problems.

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